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Wylie to Celebrate Grand Opening of Senior Recreation Center

Wylie, TX, September 26, 2013 – The City of Wylie is pleased to announce the grand opening of the new Senior Recreation Center, Saturday, October 12, 8:30 am – 10:30 am, 800 Thomas Street, in Community Park. Grand Opening festivities include a free pancake breakfast provided by the Masons, music and fun. The official dedication and ribbon cutting hosted by Mayor Hogue is scheduled for 9:00 am.

"We invite both young and old to stop by, enjoy a pancake breakfast, and check out the new digs for our seniors," said Mayor Eric Hogue. "A dedicated facility for our seniors is well deserved and has been a long time coming."

The updated and newly remodeled 7,000 square foot Senior Recreation Center, located in the former Smith Library building, will host activities and programs for citizen's ages 55 years and older currently offered at the Bart Peddicord Community Center. The larger, divided space, specifically designed for seniors will enable recreation staff to offer expanded programming, activities and services including exercise classes, health screenings, community education, arts and crafts, music, dance and much more.

The new Senior Center has a dedicated kitchen, craft room, exercise room and large common area. The center will also serve as the launching point for day and overnight field trips that are continuing to grow in popularity.

The Senior Center was made possible by the hard work and fund raising efforts of the Wylie Advocates for Senior Activities (WASA), and the generous donation of time and materials by Tommy Pulliam of Pulliam Construction Management, Willaby Electric, Wild Bunch Painting and Lutz Woodworking.

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For more details on grand opening activities and Senior Center programs and activities go to WylieTexas.gov/recreation or call 972-442-8119.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.